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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The evening is largely devoted to the reception of Speaker Colfax. The [illegible] and complimentary [illegible] with a response [illegible] by Mr. Colfax, which was received and applauded from [illegible]

[illegible] Speaker Colfax [illegible] which with which you welcomed me on my return [illegible] to my home [illegible] I have been [illegible] travelling, as you are all aware, mostly [illegible] in the far West, and have had the pleasure [illegible] to the acquisition condition of the country, [illegible] the [illegible] of the last Congress, [illegible] as union and hostile feeling [illegible] between the North and South, and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible]

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Name of Paper.	Year Ending July 1, 1863.
Tribune	$270,270
Times	180,000
Journal	36,000
Post	30,000
Total for Tribune	$270,270
Times, Journal and Post combined	$246,000

THE ALABAMA.

Mr. George Bemis has compiled from the authorized Parliamentary Books, and published in the Boston *Advertiser*, the proof that the British authorities connived at and knowingly and wilfully permitted the escape of the Alabama. From his statement, occupying five columns, we condense the important points. It will be remembered that the Alabama (also 290) left Laird's dock in Liverpool, in July, 1862, under pretenses of taking out a pleasure party, and never returned. The "pleasure party" consisted of the two Messrs. Laird, sons of John Laird, a member of Parliament, the two Misses Laird, his granddaughters, and three or four other ladies. With a few other guests, confidentially invited. The British Government on the same day sent a telegram to stop her, but it arrived too late, owing to causes of which Earl Russell gave the following account, in an interview which Minister Adams held with him, three days after the Alabama left the Mersey. He said, as reported by Mr. Adams, to our Government, "that a delay in determining upon it had most unexpectedly been caused by the sudden development of a malady of the Queen's Advocate, Sir John D. Harding, totally incapacitating him for the transaction of business. This made it necessary to call in other parties, whose opinion had been of less weight prior to the seizure of the gunboat; *but before the order got down to Liverpool the vessel was gone.*"

It is here admitted that the case was a proper one for detention and was known to be such by the British Government before the vessel sailed. The failure to arrive at this conclusion in time is here attributed to the illness of the Queen's Advocate. But for this the British Government is clearly responsible, as they are bound to employ an advocate to look after their interests. Again, in the House of Lords, Earl Russell gave the additional reason, that the Lairds were secretly informed in advance of the intention of the Government to seize the ship, by some of the anxious agents of the British Government having access to its Cabinet secrets—a fact for which the British Government would be still more clearly responsible. He said:

"He collector at Liverpool, but it was not till it was complete that the information was handed in to the Collector of the Customs of the town. That information, however, was evading. I can tell you your Lordships, that the information was not given to the collector. [Earl Russell then proceeded to quote a letter from Mr. Laird, jr., to the effect that the name of the Steamer Alabama, (p. b.) of which the Messrs. Laird were the owners, had been changed to that of the Victoria, and proceeded out of the river on the day of the month, destination unknown, and that the vessel was to be commanded by a brother of Captain Bulloch, late of the Alabama.] Now, that letter was not received by the collector of the customs at Liverpool until the vessel had left the river. How easy the owner came to be informed of it, it is impossible for me to say. It is certainly a matter to which I have been very much attracted, and which I have inquired into on the part of some one formerly, the Solicitor."

Mr. Collier, Attorney General of Ireland, and leading law officer of the Crown, corroborates the statement of treachery.

It will also be borne in mind that four days after the escape of the Alabama, Lord Russell solemnly declared in the House of Commons that the customs authorities had acted to the full extent of their powers, and that those powers were sufficient. Earl Russell added:

"That was the fact

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

LATEST DATES, Nov. 18, 1865.

The week closes with the currency dull and unsatisfactory. The high prices which have ruled, and the difficulty of procuring exchange, have caused a great falling off in the amount of sales of cotton, and the receipts of a better description of the currency, have contributed to depress the market for gold and exchange. The fall in gold from 48 per cent. premium, at the opening of the week, to 44¾ per cent. premium, and down to 44¼ per cent. premium, this morning, is unusually sudden and rapid. There is not only a scarcity of currency, but a feeling which seems to pervade all classes of trade, that the present prices of cotton are too high for permanency. The gentle trade movement which is general between the fall shipping season and navigation nearly closed, there seems to be no desire whatever to move the goods, even at very low prices. Retailers and freighters never saw a time when they have been during the present period for years past.

Ad fide to the monied market during Speculation has not been confined to the circle of trade dealers in our city; but all classes have been more or less affected by the rapid rise in gold. Many persons have been speculating in future prices, and in this way have made money, but the bulk of capital remains. Before the gold or closed the cash business was generally suspended in all our merchants, who were waiting for the fluctuations of hour to be over, and settling quiet. As long as Gen. Grant was before Richmond, "the dirty hour of noon in Richmond" when gold would drop and affect prices. In this way they saved themselves from ruin; but, as soon as the "crash" was over, and the excitement of the moment the credit system, which is neither more nor less than a buying long on and selling short, operates at the close of navigation, and those who have shrewdly heavy stocks of goods, which they are compelled by our bankers to carry for them till loan rates reform.

It is manifest to every one that the dry market is not in the hands of the bankers, but in the hands of the people. The demand for accommodations for the holding of cotton is very large, and the supply of currency is very limited. Hence the rates of interest are high, and the result is that some poor, hard-pressed men have been forced to sacrifice some of their cotton. There is very little liquidity for money by the grain or provision dealers, and yet the bankers find themselves in the midst of the most profitable season with scarcely enough currency to meet the demands of their regular trade. On the 1st of October last, there was probably about $7,000,000 of currency in the hands of our bankers; but we doubt very much if they held much more than $5,000,000.

The rate of discount is unchanged. The banks have been buying at par for currency, but prefer to take time drafts at 1 per cent. premium.

There is very little exchange making, and the market still rules firm at par buying and 1-10 premium.

For Foreign Exchange there is little doing. The market was partially supplied by [illegible] on Saturday last, but prices remain unchanged.

Gold is dull, with light sales of [illegible] at 160¾, and prices closing at 160¼.

Silver is quiet and steady, with sales of $1,000 at 47, buyer 60 days.

Treasury was in limited request at 104¾.

Government securities were firmer and more active. On the Second Board the sales were $1,000 [illegible] at 104¾, and $1,000 [illegible] at 104¾, and the [illegible] at 104¾, and the [illegible] at 104¾, and the

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DEATH'S HEAD.—It has been remarked that the most delightful furniture for the parlor is that which you are of no profit to the Odd Fellows, as he is supposed to correspond with no one, nor to anything, being out generis.

THE CHORALE.—A special meeting of the Common Council has been called for Monday evening, for the purpose of considering the propriety of further protecting against the possible visit of the Cholera next year.

COVERING THE PAVEMENT.—Workmen are engaged to-day in covering the timbers of Randolph street bridge, as a protection from the snows and feets of winter. It is a good idea, and one which might with advantage be copied elsewhere.

VINTAGE OF 1814.—A bottle of brandy is now in the rooms of the Historical Society, which was made from the vintage of 1814, fifty-one years ago. The proofs of its antiquity are likewise fifty-one years, as number 1 is set on each end of the months of old reports may be found in it to-day.

THE "EIGHT HOUR MOVEMENT" is now being pushed forward by the organization of "eight-hour leagues" in all the wards of the city and a grand mass meeting, addressed by the long-tongued of the concert, will be held here on the second Saturday in December.

SAINT VINCENT REFORM SCHOOL.—Thomas Lyons, a lad about fifteen years of age was arrested on Friday evening for the theft of three pairs of gloves from the store of Mr. Bert Smith, Clark street. At the Police Court on Saturday forenoon he plead guilty to the charges, and was sentenced by Justice Morrison to Williams' as a candidate for the Reform School.

INDIANA ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the members of the Indiana Association will be held on Tuesday evening next, in room No. 4 Chamber of Commerce building. An address will be delivered by Rev. T. M. Eddy, D.D., and the discussion of whether or not the Association shall continue organized. Every member of the Association is requested to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

CARPETTINGS.—The attention of the readers is directed to the advertisement of re-partnership of Wight, Dunton & Skinner in the curtain, furniture, and general commission business, in another column of this morning's paper. Mr. Wight has long been a partner in the former house of Wight & Skinner.

A JOINT STOCK POWER, intended to effect the reduction in the prices of provisions, was opened on Saturday evening at No. 238 East Washington street. Mr. C. Riley is superintendent. It is yet in its infancy, but ample room and power of service for the calls for which it is designed. Goods will be sold for cash exclusively. Never a bad debt.

GENERAL DANIEL PRATT, the American traveller, delivered one of his original discourses in the hall of the Sherman House, last evening, on matters and things in general, and the fall of Sumpter in particular, the latter subject being a favorite one in the theater, both theoretically and experimentally. The lecture was free of charge, a collection was taken up at the close.

ROBBERY ON THE CARS.—On Saturday morning, a lady, the wife of a Buffalo merchant, while coming by the train on the St. Louis cars, was robbed of her purse, containing $25 and a ticket to Buffalo. As this was her only money she is compelled to remain in this city until she can receive a remittance from her husband. The money was taken from her pocket while she was asleep, and the purse of her dress pocket while she was asleep.

A LITTLE GIRL KILLED BY A LOCOMOTIVE.—About 4 o'clock on Friday forenoon, Emma Westphal, aged two years and two months, ran down the Milwaukee road track, where it crosses Grove street, the street by the conductor of an omnibus which was backing down a train of freight cars and was not aware of the fact until told from behind. She was captured at 9 o'clock on Friday night. The Coroner held an inquest on the remains on Saturday.

BRUTAL TREATMENT OF A WIFE.—A man named William McCunning, was placed in the police court on the Police Court on Saturday forenoon by the husband of his wife, who charged him with ill-treating her and her children, and not supplying them with the necessaries of life. He was also charged with threatening to take her life on several occasions, recently. In consideration of these facts he was held him under bonds of $500 to keep the peace.

PROF. O. S. FOWLER, of New York, lectures this evening in Smith & Nixon's Hall on "Scientific Love and Courtship," commencing at 7:45. Seats free to ladies. These lectures of Professor Fowler are not only highly instructive but exceedingly entertaining; he is well known as a thorough reader of character, and those who attend one or both of his lectures will be highly delighted.

GREENLEAF CUT THROATS AND MISSOURI HOUSE.—Two sufficient names for the best Kentucky and Missouri Higgins, sailors by profession, were arrested in the Police Court on Saturday afternoon, at the time above mentioned. Both were charged with a very much inured, battered and much dissipated appearance, and testified that on the night of Friday the prisoner entered him in the part. It is the case of Thomas McGrath's Saloon, and of a complaint to rob him of $100 and his watch. They were held in bonds of $1,000 each for a further hearing until Wednesday morning.

CAPTURE OF A CONFIDENCE MAN.—On Friday afternoon, officer Charles S. Perry, while on duty at the Northwestern Railroad depot, noticed two strangers loitering about the premises, and in close conversation with a middle aged countryman. Concluding that they were in the confidence trade, he arrested them and took them to the Police Court. When called in the prisoners' dock at the Police Court, the countryman refused to prefer a charge, and was told "professionals," and on the charge of vagrancy was fined $100 and costs each.

LARCENY OF BOOTS.—A fellow named John Smith stole the shoes of a number of gentlemen at No. 184 Washington street, on Saturday forenoon, for the purpose, he is allowed, of purchasing a pair for himself. Considering that it would be necessary to steal them, he wisely still supported the principle of the matter, and stole a pair of boots and a pair and made off; unfortunately for himself and fortunately for Mr. Schmidt, the artistic pair of boots belonged to an officer, who took him instantly. At the Police Court on Saturday afternoon he was fined $100 in default of 90 days' hard labor, and sent to that institution forthwith.

THEFT. ROBBERY.—On Friday evening Mr. Morris Goodman, having occasion to go to the Sherman House, left his trunk in the room of Mr. Hamilton of Joliet, and upon his return to it he found it had been broken open, the contents of the trunk, consisting of a gentleman's wardrobe, and the money, $100, which he had left in the trunk, were missing. He informed the officer on duty at the door of the theft, and the latter arrested a man who was passing out with a valise, which proved to be the property of Mr. Goodman, and contained the stolen articles. The prisoner, who gave his name as Tony Lewis, who lodges in the same room with Mr. Hamilton, was arrested, and upon searching his room the missing articles were found. He was arraigned in the Police Court on Saturday forenoon, and in default of $2,000 bail was committed to await examination before the Grand Jury.

THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION, of this city, having procured a charter from the last Legislature, have now purchased their new building for the location of a hall or their own purposes. It is stated, that they shall have a larger lecture hall on the third floor than any other building in the city, and four stores. The building will be one not only magnificent in its proportions but superb in its finish and internal arrangements. The erection of a hall in any purpose evening is needed in Chicago and it is to be hoped that the Young Men will push forward their enterprise to completion. They are now only waiting for a lot suitable for the location of their building.

A BOARDING EDUCATION.—The question is frequently asked by young men, where can they obtain a thorough business education, such as will fit them for active life as merchants or business men in any branch of this busy kind. It is a hard question to answer, but one which would seem of importance to be answered by the success of the educational establishment of Bryant & Stratton, on Lake, from Dearborn. Bryant & Stratton's College stands unrivalled as the front rank of the educational institutions of the country, and the success of the thousands of the class in this connection of students have a high reputation for thoroughness and reliability, such as is only acquired by the most perfect methods of instruction of years of experience. Its very success, giving as it does the facility of obtaining a good position to its graduates, is a high degree aids it to new and still greater success, and is really one of the most valuable institutions of the city. As an instance of the magnitude of the Chicago branch of this system of schools, it may be stated that the attendance department, during the years of the workings of business, no less than twenty-seven hundred students, male and female, between, or otherwise. There are also fifty-five hundred students in Bryant & Stratton's Chicago College, on which thorough instruction is given to students, as in the other working. The writing department is proportionally extensive, comprising their first penmanship, Engrossing, &c. Altogether, there are at present in this College seventeen competent professors.

A DISGUSTING RASPBERRY.—For some weeks past John Keller, the proprietor of a lager beer saloon on the corner of Washington and Clark streets, having had suspicions that his bartender, Manuel Shapero, was not square with the farmer of the establishment, resolved to experiment upon his honesty, and accordingly carried several bills and placed them in the till as a bait. Upon taking up went somewhat Mr. Keller discovered the money had not only withdrawn but had vanished. Upon the prisoner was found in the pocket of his pantaloons, and placed at the bar of the Police Court, charged with larceny. Shapero, who is married, and is supposed to rob him of $15 and his watch. They were held in bonds of $2,000 each for a further hearing until Wednesday morning.

CAPTURE OF A CONFIDENCE MAN.—On Friday afternoon, officer Charles S. Perry, while on duty at the Northwestern Railroad depot, noticed two strangers loitering about the premises, and in close conversation with a middle aged countryman. Concluding that they were in the confidence trade, he arrested them and took them to the Police Court. When called in the prisoners' dock at the Police Court, the countryman refused to prefer a charge, and was told "professionals," and on the charge of vagrancy was fined $100 and costs each.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Preliminary Examination of the Prisoners—All Held under Heavy Bail.

At eleven o'clock on Saturday forenoon, the three men, William Frost, Lawrence D. Frost and Thomas Morrison, who are charged with the robbery of the American Express Company's delivery wagon while standing in front o. the First National Bank, on Clark street, about ten days ago, were ordered before Justice T. B. Bryan for preliminary examination.

Charles H. Reed, Esq., State Attorney, appeared for the prosecution, and H. G. Loy and Colonel Dodge for the defense.

Messrs. Robert Kinzy and James Webb of the American Express Company, the parties principally in this robbery, were also present, and the former identified the trunk, which had been broken open, and contained the money, and other articles stolen. Mr. Matthews, the delivery agent, brought Lawrence Frost, the driver of the wagon, from the police station. He identified the trunk as the one which was delivered to him, and that he delivered to Lincoln Park. The city officials should take immediate steps to prevent the sale of the property.

Mr. Pace stated that $700, $750, opened the safe of the latter, and the sale of one acre would have furnished that amount. The property was purchased by the city had no right or have been sold; it was the property of Clark and Blackstone streets and Lincoln Park. Mr. Pace, who was shortly afterward, did the city purchased only his interest in the property, and that he bought the whole property of the three or purchased; it was held under a mortgage for $1,000, and that he had given his own personal note in payment was made by a friend of the family, and therefore the city had allowed its claims to lapse.

The Mayor was satisfied that the sum of the advertisement was a fraud.

The City Attorney stated if the property were sold for what it was worth, the city had no right to the duty of the heirs to make good that title which they had given to the purchaser.

The Mayor thought that the land did sell for as much as it was worth.

Many further remarks were made on the subject, but little else transpired. Mr. Loomis, a member of the Committee, after some little consideration, in which the opinion that it would be better for the city to accept the offer decided upon, and accordingly, it was concluded to agree with the representatives of the heirs to leave the matter to the decision of arbitrators with the express proviso that such arbitrators should not consider the land in question, in other words, that three gentlemen shall be appointed by the heirs, three by the city, and these six shall choose by one mutually agreed upon, and their decision shall be final. Mr. Loomis, in the name of the Committee, will consider the arbitrators.

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Fire and Water will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Claims will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Police will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Health will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Markets will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Wharves will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Streets will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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The Committee on Lighting will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Fuel will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Printing will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Ordinances will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Judiciary will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Finance will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock